these plants are at Bokaro, Bhilai, Rourkela, Durgapur and Burnpur (IISCO).

(b) These plants are being operated and managed by SAIL. There is no foreign collaboration as such for operating any of these plants. Foreign experts are, however, retained from time to time in specified fields.

(c) The following statement shows the profit (puls)/losses (—) of these integrated steel plants for the years 1984-85 and 1985-86:—

(Rs. crores)

	1984-85	1985-86
Bhilai Steel Plant	49.27	64.38
Durgapur Steel Plant	(—) 53.36	(—) 26.52
Rourkela Steel Plant	27.10	22.62
Bokaro Steel Plant	11.47	112.93
IISCO	(—) 81.60	(—) 60.99

Elections to Municipal Corporations in the country

2829. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Municipal Boards and Municipal Corporations superseded or dissolved by state Governments at present, state-wise;

(b) since when these stand superseded or dissolved; and

(c) by when election to these states are likely to take place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) The information is being collected from various states and will be laid on the Table of the House on its receipt.

Drinking water supply to Gujarat

2830. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether paucity of funds is likely to hit water supply and sanitation programme in the country;

(b) if so, to what extent this would affect supply of drinking water and sanitation schemes in Gujarat;

(c) the reasons for providing lower allocation of funds during the seventh Plan; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken to provide sufficient funds for the purpose to the States and to Gujarat in particular when there is an acute shortage of drinking water in North Gujarat, Saurashtra and Kutch regions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Paucity of funds is one of the major constraints likely to affect Urban Water Supply and Sanitation Programme in the country. In so far as Rural Water Supply and Sanitation is concerned adequate funds

are being provided for both these programmes.

(b) The programmes under urban water supply and sanitation schemes are being implemented by the Govt. of Gujarat keeping in view the budget allocations under annual plans. As per the information made available by the State Government during the Mid-Decade Review Conference, 92.8% and 51.4% of the urban population are likely to be provided with drinking water supply and sanitation facilities respectively by the end of the Seventh Plan period. In so far as rural water supply and sanitation is concerned, adequate funds being available such a question will not arise.

(c) Water Supply and Sanitation are primarily State subjects and outlay for these in the State plans depends on the inter-superiority accorded by the respective State Governments within the available resources. The Seventh Plan outlay for water supply and sanitation sector as a whole is Rs. 6,522.47 crores. There is a substantial step up in the State as well as the Central plan outlays during the Seventh Plan as compared to the total outlay of Rs. 4119.67 crores provided in the Sixth Plan.

(d) As already stated, the funds provided in the State Plans depend on the *inter-se* priority accorded by the respective State Governments within the available resources. To give a helping hand to the State Governments, the Central Government has been providing substantial amounts as 100% grants-in-aid to the State Governments for providing water supply in rural areas under the Centrally sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme. Funds are also being provided to the States under the Technology Mission and Scarcity Relief Programmes. During the Seventh Plan, the Govt. of Gujarat has been provided Rs. 168.66 crores in the State plan for water supply and sanitation sector as a whole. The Central plan outlay has not yet been decided. A sum of Rs. 73.17 crores is available to Gujarat for rural water supply programme during 1986-87.

On the recommendations of the Central Team and High Level Commitee on Relief, a ceiling of expenditure of Rs. 6.36 crores for drinking water supply in urban areas (Rs. 4.10 crores for 1986-87 and Rs. 2.26 crores upto June, 1987) has been approved to the State Government.

Funds have also been provided to the Government of Gujarat under th I.D.A. assisted Gujarat Water Supply and Sewerage project.

Indo-Canada agreement for production of oil seeds

2831. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Canada has agreed to provide technical assistance to India in its efforts to improve oil seeds production and to strengthen cooperatives among oil seeds producers;

(b) whether any agreement in this regard was signed with Canada; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government of Canada have agreed to provide technical assistance to India in its efforts